

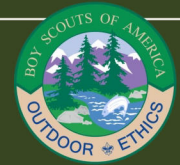


Outdoor Ethics Orientation and Leave No Trace Basics courses



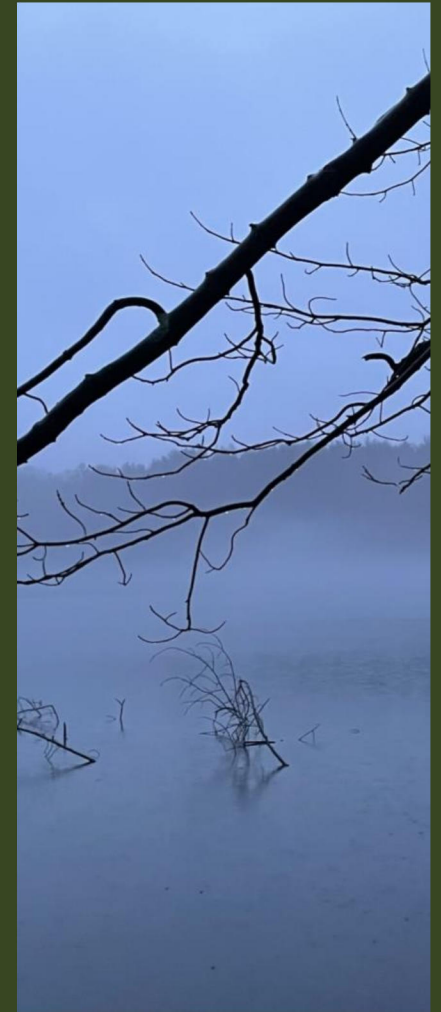
Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Roundtable

March 2024



Agenda

- Welcome and opening
- Safety moment-First Aid kits
- Tell me about Outdoor Ethics Orientation and BSA Leave No Trace Basics courses!
- Conservation Corner
- FAQ
- Announcements
- Closing
- Open discussion



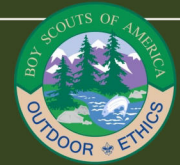
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Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

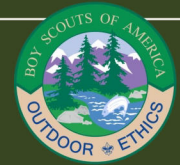




Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

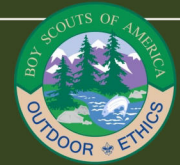




Scout Law

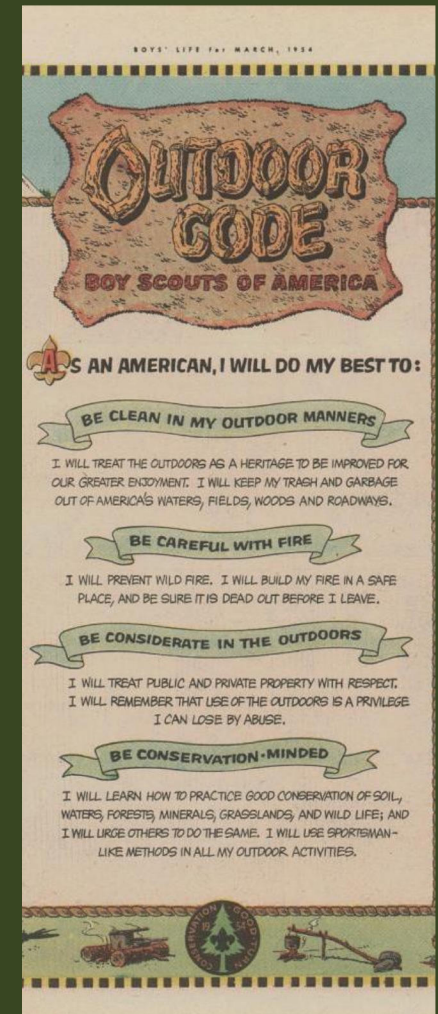
A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean, Reverent.





Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to –
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Be conservation minded.





Safety moment

Michelle Bierstedt, Sioux Council





Safety Moment

First Aid Kits

Be Prepared

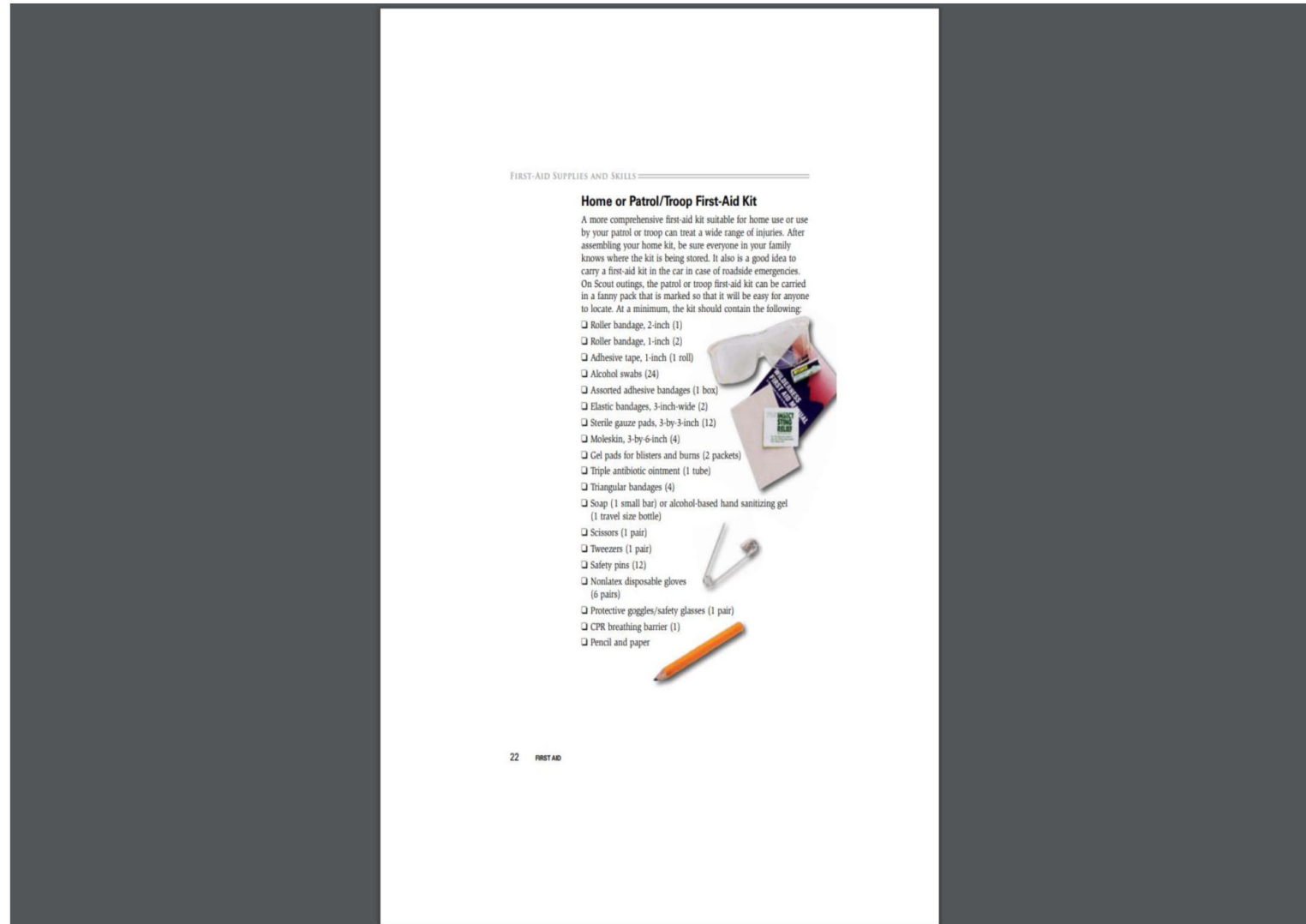
First-aid kits should be present wherever you might need them. That likely includes having a kit in your car, your home, your meeting location, and with your outdoor equipment for the next hike or camping trip. Since a first-aid kit is one of the essential items for Scout hiking, keeping one with your daypack is an easy way to assure you are prepared on the trail.



What should your kit have?

The contents of the kit can be as varied as the potential needs and the number of participants present, but it must always be stocked and ready for use. You should also regularly check for and replace expired items and those that need to be restocked after a trip. Have a kit that is suited to the number of participants and the length of time you'll need it.

These BSA-recommended items in a first aid kit equip you to handle minor injuries during outdoor activities and emergencies.





Tell me about Outdoor Ethics Orientation and BSA Leave No Trace Basics courses!

Paula Boothe, California Inland Empire Council
Matt Durrant, Crossroads of the West Council



Sara Holtz, National Capitol Area Council



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

A BRIEF HISTORY OF **OUTDOOR ETHICS ORIENTATION**

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

OUTDOOR ETHICS ORIENTATION COURSE MANUAL

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BSA OUTDOOR ETHICS TASK FORCE

RELEASED FOR USE:

BETA TEST

OCTOBER 1, 2015

Goal

The goal of the BSA Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course is to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics in a fun and engaging way.

It should help youth and adults, at all program levels, understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the class, lecture, discussion, and practical sessions, participants should have:

- Knowledge of the Outdoor Code and Outdoor Ethics
- Knowledge of how Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly and The Land Ethic / Stewardship support the Outdoor Code
- Knowledge of Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards Program
- Knowledge to locate additional Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and BSA outdoor ethics resources and opportunities for further training

The original Outdoor Ethics Orientation course was 3.5 hours long, with greater in-depth training on:

Need for Outdoor Ethics

Brief Scouting history

Outdoor Code history

Leave No Trace/7 principles

The Land Ethic

TREAD Lightly! 5 principles

Advancements and Awards



BSA Outdoor Ethics

OUTDOOR CODE
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The Land Ethic



Online Teaching Tips

MATTHEW DURRANT

BRING THE OUTDOORS INDOORS

► **Use digital resources to set the mood**

- ◊ **Video**
- ◊ **Audio**
- ◊ **Photographs**



INTERACTION

▶ (aka FUN!)

◇ Games/Polls

◇ Kahoot!

◇ PollEv



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LEARNING STYLES

- ◆ **Visual**
- ◆ **Auditory**
- ◆ **Kinesthetic (tough)**
- ◆ **Reading (caution!)**



Leave No Trace

- ◇ **“Leave No Trace is grounded in science and research and has been since its origins in the field of recreation ecology. This has evolved over the years as recreation-related impacts and associated monitoring has incorporated human dimensions of natural resources, striving to understand how and why humans cause impacts and, ultimately, how to influence behaviors to decrease recreational-related impacts. Our education and programming efforts are grounded in science and research.”**
- ◇ **“The organization accomplishes its mission by providing innovative education, skills, research and science to help people care for the outdoors. By working with the public and those managing public lands, Leave No Trace focuses on educating people—instead of costly restoration programs or access restrictions—as the most effective and least resource-intensive solution to land protection.”**

Virtual Environments



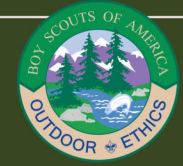


Conservation Corner

Ted Weiland, Hawkeye Area Council

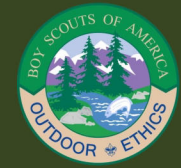


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Conservation Corner

- Conservation Handbook update
- Ecology Syllabus at National Camping School
- Distinguished Conservation Service Award medal update
- Council Conservation Committee Guidebook revisions
- Conservation Good Turn Award update
- 2026 National Jamboree Conservation Trail



FAQ

Scott Anderson, Patriot's Path Council



Paul Schimke, National Capitol Area Council



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FAQ's

Scott Anderson, Chair

National Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee



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What is the BSA's definition of "Conservation"?

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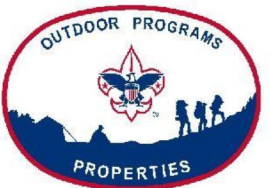
A fellow Scouter & I are working on slides for our Univ. of Scouting conservation courses.

What is the BSA's definition of Conservation?

We read the Scout Handbook, Conservation Handbook, Environmental Science, Nature, Fish and Wildlife Management, Sustainability, Soil and Water Conservation, Bird Study and Insect Study merit badge books and the Council Conservation Committee Guidebook but none have a definition of conservation.



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What is the BSA's definition of
"Conservation"?
We didn't have one.



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What is Conservation?

Simply stated, conservation is “wise use”. Conservation is about being thrifty and living sustainably. It’s about managing and using our resources to ensure that they can provide for the needs of current and future generations. It’s about making decisions and taking action to prevent overuse, neglect or destruction of our resources, and it’s about good citizenship. In the Outdoor Code,

Scouts, Venturers, Cub Scouts and Sea Scouts pledge to be *conservation-minded*, meaning that we commit to making thoughtful decisions about using our resources responsibly.



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What is Conservation? (cont.)

Scouts practice conservation in many ways... we participate in projects in our communities and in our wildlands to restore or enhance damaged natural conditions and habitats; we conserve energy, food, materials and natural resources by using them wisely and by not being wasteful; we promote outdoor ethics and use recreational sites and the outdoors responsibly. Practicing conservation and being conservation-minded is an important job... and as Scouts, it's what we do!



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FAQ's Follow Up



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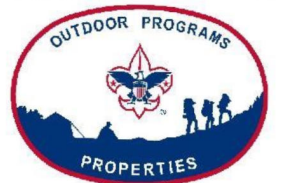




Why did Leave No Trace change the minimum age requirement to 18 for Level 1 Instructor (Trainer) Courses?



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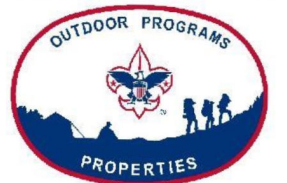




What about all of the youth who completed the Leave No Trace Trainer Courses? Will they be Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructors?



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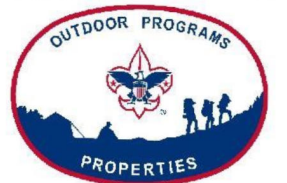


Yes!

All Leave No Trace Trainers (regardless of age) are now Leave No Trace Level 1³⁸ Instructors and will need to re-certify every two years.



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What about Requirement 6. to earn the
National Medal for Outdoor Achievement?



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National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

6. Become a Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (formerly called Trainer) by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor (formerly called Master Educator).

The Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee has been notified that the requirement will be changed to:

6. Complete a 16-hour Leave No Trace Skills Course from a certified Leave No Trace Level 1 or 2 Instructor.



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BSA Leave No Trace Updated Manuals



BSA Leave No Trace Instructor Supplement

<https://outdoorethics-bsa.org/files/BSA%20Outdoor%20Ethics%20Supplement.pdf>

BSA Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Manual

<https://outdoorethics-bsa.org/files/BSA%20LNT%20Instructor1%20Course%20Manual.pdf>

BSA Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Manual (restricted)



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Promotional Brochure

2024 BSA Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Courses

Please share the link:

[https://outdoorethics-
bsa.org/courses/info2024/2024%20BSA%20Leave%20No%20Trace%20Le
vel%202%20Courses.pdf](https://outdoorethics-bsa.org/courses/info2024/2024%20BSA%20Leave%20No%20Trace%20Level%202%20Courses.pdf)

or Print & Distribute at Scouting Functions

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BSA Outdoor Ethics & Conservation
2024 Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Courses

Scouting's Outdoor Program offers us plenty of opportunities to enjoy our country's wide-open spaces, deep forests and high mountains, quiet waters, and raging rivers. Scouting also has a long history of caring for the health of these outdoor spaces, taking care to avoid unnecessary impacts, minimizing those that cannot be avoided, and restoring the damaged caused by overuse.

**2024 National High Adventure Base
Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Courses**



This is Scouting's "Outdoor Ethics" and the best tools to guide us are the **Leave No Trace Seven Principles** which help us to make good judgments whenever we recreate in the outdoors.

Through a cooperative agreement with **Leave No Trace**, the BSA is actively training **Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructors** to train Scouters everywhere to become **Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructors**. BSA Leave No Trace Instructors work with their Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate to conduct the many programs designed to teach everyone in the Scouting movement the skills and ethics of Leave No Trace.

The **BSA Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course** provides participants with comprehensive training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics, instruction and practice on effective teaching methods, and information on the important role of outdoor ethics in Scouting's outdoor programs.

- Course Requirements:**
- Be a current member of the BSA.
 - Be at least 18 years of age by the time of the course.
 - Meet the Height/Weight requirements of the High Adventure Base you will attend.
 - Provide a current BSA Health and Medical Record signed by a physician (parts A through C including the Risk Advisory of the High Adventure Base you plan to attend).
 - Complete a BSA swim test and be classified as a "swimmer" prior to arrival. (Northern Tier canoeing course only).



Camping (No-Trek) Field Experience
Accessible Options Available

Summit Bechtel Reserve
Glen Jean, WV
May 12 – 17, 2024
\$375 Course Fee

This 5-day course features a day of classroom instruction at the Summit, 3 days of practical application at a campsite and a final day of classroom instruction.

The course does not require hiking long distances. Camping is preferred but optional. This course may be especially desirable for individuals who have mobility or endurance concerns.

All food, class materials, and group gear will be provided by the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Participants will be required to provide personal gear that is typically needed for overnight camping, including your tent.

Additional Information & Registration:
<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/LNTcourse/>



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Thank you for all you do to support Outdoor
Ethics and Conservation in Scouting



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Announcements



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2024 BSA National OUTDOOR ETHICS AND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!



The Link

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/oec-conference/>

The Speaker



The Patch

Questions??

oec-conference@outdoorethics-bsa.org

Pre-Course Offerings

Tuesday: Risk Management – \$50 (only for those who take a different course Wednesday)

Wednesday - Thursday: Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate – \$70

Wednesday: Distinguished Conservation Service Award Adviser – \$70

Wednesday: Risk Management – \$70

Wednesday: Tread Lightly! Master Tread Trainer – \$100

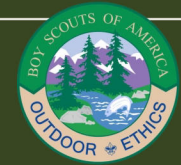


Cost

Main Conference
\$200 before 6/1/24
\$225 after 6/1/24
Registration ends
August 1st

Beautiful Camp Tracy





2024 Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Courses

Dates	Council	Camp	Course Info	Field Experience
2024				
Apr 26-28, May 16-19	<u>Heart of New England Council</u>	Camp Wanocksett, Dublin, NH	Contact: <u>Timothy Bradbury</u>	Non-trek
May 9-14	<u>Great Trail Council</u>	<u>Manatoc Scout Reservation</u> , Peninsula, OH	Contact: <u>Patty Payne</u>	Non-trek
May 12-17	National Council	Summit Bechtel Reserve	<u>Info/Registration</u>	Non-Trek
June 3-8	<u>Sioux Council</u>	<u>Lewis & Clark Scout Reservation</u> , Tabor, SD	<u>Flyer Information</u> (registration coming Jan 15) Contact: <u>Michelle Bierstedt</u>	Non-Trek
August 11-17	National Council	<u>Northern Tier High Adventure Base</u> , Ely, MN	<u>Flyer Info</u> (Registration coming soon) Contact: <u>Ted Weiland</u>	Canoeing
Sept 22-27	National Council	<u>Philmont Scout Ranch</u> , Cimarron, New Mexico	<u>Information/Registration</u>	Backpacking
Oct 25-27, Oct 31-Nov 3	<u>Central Florida Council</u>	<u>Camp La-No-Che</u> , Paisley, FL	Contact: <u>Carolann Smith</u>	

Latest Level 2 Course Schedule
http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/training/me_courses.php

Dan Howells Scholarship
<http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/DanHowellsScholarship.php>



Please send in your photos of Outdoor Ethics education, Conservation projects, or great nature photos you've taken!



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Your feedback is a gift!
Was this roundtable helpful?
What would you like to see
covered in future roundtables?

<https://tinyurl.com/OECCRT>
roundtable@outdoorethics-bsa.org

Feedback !?



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“I suspect that in the chickadee Sunday School two mortal sins are taught; thou shall not venture into windy places in winter, thou shall not get wet before a blizzard.”

Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

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April's Roundtable

Coral Reef Restoration and Protection at BSA Sea Base

Dr. Abigail Clark, Brinton Center STEM Program Director



BSA Sea Base